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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all locations entering the weekend. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, with occasionally firm undertones. Demand into all channels ranged light to very good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were ample to at times close and held with confidence to satisfy current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to tight for normal processing schedules. Light type fowl offerings were generally sufficient for the mostly moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to mostly fully steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to at times very good and was showing signs of improvement as area wide feature activity that is planned for next week begins to clean up some of the excess supply. Loose egg movement was usually light. Supplies were barely adequate to instances tight and held with increasing confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the moderate demand. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady with a firm undertone.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	78-87	81-84
LARGE	77-86	79-82
MEDIUM	71-81	73-76

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.		
Range	Mostly	
LARGE	59-69	63
MEDIUM	53-57	55
SMALL	41-47	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was mostly moderate to fairly good. Current supplies were sufficient to close balanced for trading needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate for a moderate demand. Light type hens offerings were generally sufficient for normal processing schedules.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	84-98	87-91
LARGE	81-95	86-90
MEDIUM	74-87	79-81

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for white eggs and mostly barely steady for browns. Cartoned movement ranged moderate to good. Food service demand was light to moderate. White egg supplies were mixed, balanced to fully adequate and held with confidence. Supplies of browns were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings tight to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady with a firm undertone.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	88.5-97	90-93
LARGE	87.5-96	89-92
MEDIUM	78.5-87	80-83

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged entering the weekend. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was usually moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to at times close and held with confidence. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about sufficient for normal processing schedules. Spent hen offerings were usually adequate for the moderate demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	89.5-97	91-94
LARGE	88-95	89-92
MEDIUM	78.5-86	79-83

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's prices. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were usually adequate for trading needs.

RANGE

EXTRA LARGE	95-99
LARGE	93-97
MEDIUM	86-90

MIDWEST REGIONAL

RANGE

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	85-93	86-88
LARGE	83-91	84-86
MEDIUM	77-85	78-80

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were also unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady with a firm undertone. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were also unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady with a firm undertone. Demand was mostly moderate to fairly good. Offerings were adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 97 cents.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

RANGE

JUMBO	136
EXTRA LARGE	128
LARGE	122
MEDIUM	117

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE

JUMBO	120-134
EXTRA LARGE	108-114
LARGE	107-110
MEDIUM	101-104

BREAKING STOCK

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net wt. per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

CENTRAL REGION

All prices continued unchanged. Offerings were adequate to tight with demand mostly moderate as the week comes to a close. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment remained steady with a firm undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	43-45	45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	26.5-36	32-34

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION

Prices remained unchanged when compared to early week prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with traders closely monitoring further market developments. Demand was moderate for about sufficient offerings. Current breaking schedules were normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 28-Feb-2009 were 6 percent less than last week, however 1 percent higher than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	40-46	42-44
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	30-37	33-36
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 28-Feb-2009	(lbs. in thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,234,369	30,903	11,325	5,740	2,474	4,132
PW	1,260,572	31,571	11,737	5,712	2,819	4,250
LY	1,222,464	30,435	11,068	5,839	2,464	4,353
% PW	-2%	-2%	-4%	0%	-12%	-3%
% LY	1%	2%	2%	-2%	0%	-5%
2009*	9,967,697	243,327	94,774	48,308	22,121	34,288
2008*	9,945,436	248,341	89,626	47,937	20,733	34,475
% YTD	0%	-2%	6%	1%	7%	-1%
				CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)				42.21	42.26	42.29
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)				38.86	38.89	38.73

IN LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	632,787	51.3%	17,433	56.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	641,335	50.9%	17,145	54.3%
LAST YEAR	612,401	50.1%	17,063	56.1%

NATIONAL LIQUID

Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg and steady on the balance of liquid products. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and whites as most operators divert shell eggs into graded channels and buyers reach out to fill liquid orders for next week. Yolk demand was light to moderate, instances fairly good. Offerings were tight to short of needs for whole egg and adequate for whites and yolk in most instances. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	% FROM LW
WHOLE	22	37-41	38.68	5.18
WHITES	22	23-27	23.77	-5.6
YOLKS		TFEWR		

NATIONAL DRIED

Mostly prices were higher on whole, unchanged to higher on yolks, and lower on albumen when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on whole and yolk, about steady to steady on albumen. Demand was moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for immediate needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for week ending 28-Feb-2009 were 12% less than last week, although about the same as the previous year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 7% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	2.05-2.32	MOSTLY	2.10-2.18
YOLKS	1.60-1.75	MOSTLY	1.65-1.70
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.10-3.30	MOSTLY	3.10-3.20
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.71-2.25	MOSTLY	2.00-2.10

NATIONAL FROZEN

Trucklot prices ranged unchanged to lower for whole egg, whites, and salted yolk and unchanged to higher for sugared yolk. Trade sentiment was steady for all frozen products. Demand was usually moderate with offerings adequate.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb., in 30 lb. containers) Sugared and salted yolks are a minimum 43% solids.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	45-54	49-54	56-60	56-58
WHITES	44-50	44-49	50-56	50-53
SUGARED YOLKS	76-82	77-80	84-96	84-86
SALTED YOLKS	71-78	75-78	79-83	80

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 27, 2009 – MAR 05, 2009**CURRENT LOADS 124.25****FUTURE LOADS 64.50****TOTAL LOADS 188.75**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	58.38	66.20	59.13	60.56	--	50.00	58.00	GNR W 1	--	64.20	--	--	--	--	37.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	86.50	--	--	--	--	92.00	6.00
GNR W 4	--	60.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	74.00	81.17	--	82.75	--	82.93	23.50
GL W J	--	--	79.50	81.00	77.56	80.00	5.50	GL W LG	68.00	75.58	--	--	--	78.68	34.25
GL W XL	--	78.04	72.83	75.33	70.72	--	60.25	GL W MD	--	65.67	--	--	--	72.18	13.75
GL W LG	--	79.44	70.25	72.50	66.98	69.00	63.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	47.50	1.00
GL W MD	76.00	--	60.00	66.50	62.32	--	15.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	92.00	0.25
GL W SM	--	42.75	46.00	50.00	37.83	41.50	5.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	78.00	--	0.25								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	57.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	43.00	45.00	29.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES,
WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL There were no sales to report. Demand was light for at least adequate supplies. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were measured. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate. Schedules are normal with heavy amounts of rendering. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	89.00	88.00	80.00
SOUTHEAST	92.50	90.50	81.00
MIDWEST	82.50	80.50	74.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	91.50	90.50	81.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	88.95	87.47	79.32

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was fair with limited trading due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY
SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week ending 28-Feb-09

	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,079	1,449	2,528
Last Week	1,172	1,323	2,495
Same week yr ago	1,409	1,542	2,951
To-date/2009*	10,043	12,198	22,241
To-date/2008*	11,283	12,196	23,479

	U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	376	0	376
Last Week	140	0	140
Same week yr ago	378	8	386
To-date/2009*	2,022	11	2,033
To-date/2008*	2,302	12	2,314

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

	Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,455	1,449	2,904
Last Week	1,312	1,323	2,635
Same week yr ago	1,787	1,550	3,337
To-date/2009*	12,065	12,209	24,274
To-date/2008*	13,585	12,208	25,793

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

SOURCE: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-
U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE**

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Feb 21, 2009		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	143	0	623	0
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	40	0	124	40
Total	183	0	747	40

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Feb 21, 2009		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	363	367	2,358	2,909
Frozen	19	0	94	133
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	382	367	2,452	3,042

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending Feb 21, 2009		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,370	510	4,493	1,530
Large	2,838	150	9,778	450
Medium	1,530	1,590	2,820	3,270
Ungraded	4,410	2,250	17,730	21,120
Misc	0	0	201	0
Total	10,148	4,500	35,022	26,370

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 28-FEB-2009	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In Thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	186.3	0	5
East North Central	641.6	3	-2
West North Central	304.1	-3	-6
South Atlantic	186.9	7	5
South Central	52.3	5	-3
West	167.3	16	-12
Total	1538.5	3	-2
Matched plants reporting		81	81

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)

South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)

West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 28-FEB-2009

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	22.7	22.2	2	-5
Boston	2.7	2.6	4	-7
Chicago	68.6	63.9	7	-12
Los Angeles	72.8	61.0	19	-20
New Orleans	5.5	5.7	-4	-4
New York	34.7	34.3	1	12
St. Louis	77.8	82.1	-5	71
San Francisco	21.5	21.2	1	45
Total	306.3	293.0	5	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	297.6			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

Selected Centers (Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)

	Frozen Eggs		Proc. Turkeys		Proc. Other Poultry	
	Lbs		Lbs		Lbs	
AM 03/02/09	3,120		116,137		77,989	
AM 02/01/09	3,206		102,864		94,005	
CHG	-86		13273		-16016	
PCT CHG	-3%		13%		-17%	

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of January 31, 2009 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on March 1, 2009 are:

Frozen Eggs	21	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	513	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	570	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT MAR 03, 2009

Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvr'd store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	132	131	108	89
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	125-129	123-127	100-104	82-86
MOSTLY	127-128	125-126	102-103	84-85
RHODE ISLAND	130-134	127-131	104-108	88-92
MOSTLY	130	127	104	88
VERMONT	132-135	131-133	108	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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